

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re New Application of)	
Inventors: DAVIS et al.)	Confirmation No. 5135
Appln. No.: 10/557,991)	Group Art Unit: 1651
Filed: November 22, 2005)	Examiner: Underdahl, T. E.
Title: METHOD FOR STABILIZATION OF)	
ENZYMES DURING EXPOSURE)	
TO STERILIZING RADIATION)	

SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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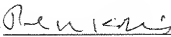
Sir:

The applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination in order to obtain entry and consideration of the amendment filed April 16, 2009. It is understood from telephone discussion with the Examiner on June 2, 2009 that the changes proposed with said amendment obviate the Examiner's "product-by-process" concerns but that further search and consideration of the claims, as amended, would be required and that such review, including entry of the amendment, would not be permissible after final rejection. Accordingly, the present RCE is being filed to obtain consideration of the non-entered amendment.

Favorable action is requested for the reasons noted in said amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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